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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Election/Restriction requirement mailed May 16, 2002, the period for response which expires on August 16, 2002, by virtue of the Petition and fee for a two month extension of time, Applicant respectfully request consideration of the following remarks.

**Species Election**

The Examiner requires an Election of Species for a single disclosed species as recited in either Claim 2, or as recited in Claims 3 and 9. Applicant provisionally elects the species as recited in Claim 2, wherein the antigenic marker is on a cell.

The Examiner also requires an Election of Species for a single disclosed species as recited in either Claims 4 and 10, or as recited in Claims 5 and 11. Applicant provisionally elects the species as recited in Claims 4 and 5, wherein the complement cascade is the classical complement cascade.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231, on August 15, 2002.

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Applicant understands that this is a provisional election of species and that if no prior art is found which anticipates or renders obvious the elected species, the search of the generic claims will be extended to the extent necessary to determine patentability of the generic claims.

The foregoing is submitted as a full and complete response to the Election/Restriction requirement mailed May 16, 2002, and that Claims 1-12 are patentable. Early and favorable consideration of the claims is requested. If the Examiner believes any informalities remain in the application which may be corrected by Examiner's amendment, or there are any other issues which can be resolved by telephone interview, a telephone call to the undersigned attorney at (404) 745-2426 is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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